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## NORTH KOREA DIGS IN

North Korea has "hardened" potential military targets deep within its territory by building them underground, according to a U.S. intelligence study conducted over the past year. The North Koreans' subterranean construction includes many civilian facilities in addition to military bases and industrial plants. The intelligence study, to be completed this spring, will help the White House decide whether to keep U.S. troops in South Korea.

## AIR FORCE ONE AS A SPY PLANE

The late CIA director Allen Dulles once outfitted Air Force One as a spy plane for a mission that, as it turned out, never got off the ground. Former White House press secretary Jerald terHorst and former Presidential pilot Ralph Albertazzie recount the secret project in their forthcoming book, "The Flying White House: The Story of Air Force One." They write that Dulles, inspired by the intelligence photos taken on high-altitude U-2 flights over the Soviet Union, ordered spy cameras installed in Air Force One for a Russian trip planned by President Eisenhower in the spring of 1960. At a cost of $1 million, CIA technicians concealed the high-resolution cameras in the belly of the Presidential jet and rigged a control system that would enable the copilot to snap pictures while ostensibly operating the plane's fresh-air valve and magnetic compass. In test flights, photos taken from 30,000 feet showed the license-plate numbers of cars on the ground. But then the Soviets shot down Francis Gary Powers's spy plane and exposed the U-2 flights, and the resultant furor caused Eisenhower to cancel his trip to Russia. The authors say that Ike probably didn't know about the Air Force One cameras, which never took any spy pictures and were removed in 1961 during John F. Kennedy's Presidency.

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